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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy for Operations, OSA

SUBJECT : Utilization of U-2 Assets

1. In response to the prevailing general interest in developing missions for the [ ] detachment I have been reviewing some of the photo requirements. One which I came across may offer possibilities and I quote the requirement contained in USIB-D-41.14/229, 19 March 1965 which is as follows:

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"There is a requirement for KH-4 type stereo satellite photography to prepared maps and charts of the Sino-Soviet Bloc as well as areas outside of the Sino-Soviet Bloc. For the Sino-Soviet Bloc, about three million square miles remain to be covered for preparation of maps and charts. Outside the Sino-Soviet Bloc a photographic data base of about 23 million square miles remains to be covered during the next two--or not more than three year period. For the preparation of city plans, there is a requirement for [ ] photography on about 400 selected cities throughout the world."

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2. As you may well know, certain satellite coverage is being reduced, particularly KH-4. I believe that the U-2 could be employed to obtain some of the coverage desired. We are continuing to explore other possibilities and I will keep you informed on the progress we are making along this line so that you can brief General Bacalis as you deem appropriate.

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